

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending. The independent claims are system claim 1, mobile terminal claim 3, and method claim 14. The Office Action asserts that the system and method claims (1-2, 14-15) are Invention I, and that the mobile terminal claims (3-13) are Invention II. The Office Action states that Invention II has separate utility “as an input device for providing an internal document manipulation signal. See MPEP § 806.05(d).”

The applicant respectfully points out that, according to claim 3, the internal document manipulation signal is for exclusively manipulating “an internally controlled shared document” in terminal (12a). Likewise, according to claim 1, an “internally controlled shared document” is exclusively controlled by a master terminal (12a).

It is impossible to provide the internal document manipulation signal of claim 3 without exclusively controlling the internally controlled shared document of claim 1. It is not reasonable to suppose that the internally controlled shared document of claim 1 means something different in claim 1 from its meaning in claim 3.

The Applicant respectfully notes that MPEP § 806.05(d) places a burden on the examiner to support the restriction requirement:

“If applicant proves or provides an argument, supported by facts, that the other use, suggested by the examiner, cannot be accomplished or is not reasonable, the burden is on the examiner to document a viable alternative use or withdraw the requirement.”

Applicant respectfully reiterates that it would be unreasonable to think that Claim 3’s exclusive manipulation of an internally controlled shared document can be accomplished separately from the exclusive control of the internally controlled shared document as described in claim 1.

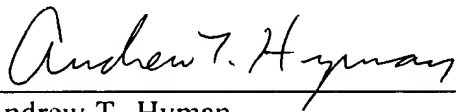
CONCLUSION

Withdrawal of the restriction requirement, and early allowance of claims 1-15 is earnestly solicited. Applicant would be grateful if the Examiner would please contact Applicant's attorney by telephone if the Examiner detects anything in the present response that might hinder a speedy allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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